hardship, which in the opinion of Government are extremely compassionate and deserve sympathetic consideration in view of the special circumstances of the case at the given time.

(viii) The number of discretionary allotments should not ordinarily exceed 10% of the average annual marketing plan, of which allotments of retail outlets for petroleum products should not normally exceed 5%.

However, Government is not making any discretionary allotments of dealerships/distributorships for the present.

Policy on Satellite Communication

2072. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any policy on satellite communication has been formulated so far;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(c) if not, by when such a policy is likely to be formulated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) and (b) The policy on satellite communication in India is being evolved.

(c) The policy is likely to be formulated during the year 1997.

Increase in the M & R F to Meghalaya

2073. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal was received by Government from Meghalaya to increase the Maintenance and Repairs Fund (M&RF) under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the proposal would be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA): (a) No, Sir,

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Setting up of Nuclear Power Project in Bihar

2074. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nuclear power is being generated in five States only at present;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether Government propose to set up nuclear power projects in Bihar, to meet the demand of power of the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The existing nuclear power plants are located at Tarapur (TAPS-1&2) in Maharashtra, Rawatbhatta (RAPS-1&2) in Rajasthan, Kalpakkam (MAPS-1&2) in Tamil Nadu,